

Personages



Eugene M. Avrutin and **Elissa Bemporad** (were awarded the Association of Jewish Libraries Reference Award for their co-edited book, *Pogroms: A Documentary History*.

Sarah Cameron is a 2022 Andrew Carnegie Fellowship recipient. Her project, "The Aral Sea: Environment, Society, and State Power in Central Asia," offers the first complete account of one of the 20th century's worst environmental catastrophes, the disappearance of the Aral Sea. Interweaving an examination of high politics with voices of the people who lived by the sea, the book underscores the urgency of finding more sustainable methods to produce cotton.

Olga Chernysheva won the prestigious 2022 Daniel and Florence Guerlain Foundation's Contemporary Drawing Prize. She was one of the three nominated artists who presented their works to the jury in Paris on 19 May.

Carol Leff has been named to the Executive Committee of the University of Illinois European Union Center.

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) has proudly named 40 new Emerging Voices Fellows for 2022. Among them are ASEEES members:

- **K. Maya Larson**, who is

now a Postdoctoral Fellow in Translation Studies for her dissertation, "Truth Disguised as Lies: How Aesop's Life Shaped Russia's Aesopian Literature (1884-1984)." Larson's dissertation examines the origins of so-called "Aesopian," or covertly subversive, narratives. Through an analysis of literary works spanning three censorship regimes in Russia, Larson investigates how these narratives shaped the truth-telling strategies of suppressed writers.

- **Anya Yermakova** received the Transdisciplinary Futures in Humanities PhD Training Postdoctoral Fellowship for her research, "An Embodied History of Math and Logic in Russian-speaking Eurasia." This research is grounded in thought experiments in logic by logicians, scientists, artists, and other logically curious intellectuals in Russian-speaking Eurasia at the turn of the twentieth century, which have seldom been jointly investigated.

José Vergara was selected to hold the Myra T. Cooley Lectureship in Russian Studies.

Kenneth J. Yin was awarded a 2022-2023 Engaging Eurasia Teacher Fellowship at Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.

